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At a recent meeting of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University, the President presented votes of the corporation electing Francis Parkman, Professor of Horticulture, and Daniel D. Slade, Professor of Applied Zoology in the Bussey Agricultural Institution, which is a department of the University.

Mr. F. G. Sanborn has been appointed instructor in practical entomology in the Bussey Agricultural Institution of Harvard University.

Congress recently appropriated \$40,000 for the annual expenses of the U. S. Geologist, Dr. F. V. Hayden, who is surveying the Rocky Mountain region of Colorado.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. C. — Camphor does as well as anything to keep insects out, but the best thing is to see that your insects are not infested before placing them in *very tight* boxes or drawers. This, with constant watchfulness, will keep your insect free from harm.

C. W. writes "We have a favorite cat which by our reckoning has killed in her day, being now about ten years old, not less than three thousand (3000) rats and mice.

Last summer she had a very sore leg which was cured but it either left her with an itching humor which bred lice, or becoming lousy her constant scratching causes her to appear as if having some itching disease. However it may be, I send you some of the lice.

The lice are probably the common cat lice of this country thought by Dr. W. I. Burnett to be probably the same as the European species, *Trichodectes subrostratus* Nitzsch. They probably caused the "itching disease."

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